

Standard Development Roadmap

This section is maintained by the drafting team during the development of the standard and will be removed when the standard becomes effective.

This proposed standard is the Version 0 VAR-001 modified to include a translation of planning measures III.C.M1, III.C.M2 and III.C.M3, which were not included in the approval Version 0 reliability standards because they required further work.

Development Steps Completed:

1. A SAR was posted from December 2, 2004 through January 7, 2005.
2. The SAC appointed a standard drafting team on January 13, 2005.
3. The drafting team posted its response to SAR comments and all other historical comments on April 19, 2005.
4. The drafting team posted Draft 1 of the standard from April 21, 2005 through June 13, 2005.
5. The drafting team has reviewed comments on Draft 1, prepared a consideration of those comments and incorporated conforming changes into Draft 2.
6. The drafting team posted Draft 2 of the standard from October 15 through November 30, 2005.
7. The drafting team posted Draft 3 of the standard from March 1 though April 15, 2006.

Description of Current Draft:

This is the fourth draft of the standard to be posted for a 30-day pre-ballot review from May 15 through June 13, 2006.

Future Development Plan:

Anticipated Actions	Anticipated Date
1. Post standards and implementation plan for 30-day pre-ballot review.	May 15–June 13, 2006
2. Conduct first ballot.	June 19–29, 2006
3. Consider comments submitted with first ballot; post consideration of comments.	July 3–14, 2006
4. Conduct second ballot.	July 15–25, 2006
5. Post standards and implementation plan for 30-day review by board.	July 1–30, 2006
6. Board adoption date.	August 2, 2006
7. Proposed effective date.	Six months after BOT adoption

Definitions of Terms Used in Standard

This section includes all newly defined or revised terms used in the proposed standard. Terms already defined in the Reliability Standards Glossary of Terms are not repeated here. New or revised definitions listed below become approved when the proposed standard is approved. When the standard becomes effective, these defined terms will be removed from the individual standard and added to the Glossary.

No new definitions are proposed for this standard.

A. Introduction

1. **Title:** Voltage and Reactive Control
2. **Number:** VAR-001-1
3. **Purpose:** To ensure that voltage levels, reactive flows, and reactive resources are monitored, controlled, and maintained within limits in real time to protect equipment and the reliable operation of the Interconnection.
4. **Applicability:**
 - 4.1. Transmission Operators.
 - 4.2. Purchasing-Selling Entities
5. **(Proposed) Effective Date:** Six months after BOT adoption.

B. Requirements

- R1. Each Transmission Operator, individually and jointly with other Transmission Operators, shall ensure that formal policies and procedures are developed, maintained, and implemented for monitoring and controlling voltage levels and Mvar flows within their individual areas and with the areas of neighboring Transmission Operators.
- R2. Each Transmission Operator shall acquire sufficient reactive resources within its area to protect the voltage levels under normal and Contingency conditions. This includes the Transmission Operator's share of the reactive requirements of interconnecting transmission circuits.

~~R4.R3.~~ The Transmission Operator shall specify criteria that exempts generators from compliance with the requirements defined in Requirement ~~54~~, and Requirement ~~_76.1~~.

~~R4.1.R3.1.~~ Each Transmission Operator shall maintain a list of generators in its area that are exempt from following a voltage or Reactive Power schedule.

~~R4.2.R3.2.~~ For each generator that is on this exemption list, the Transmission Operator shall notify the associated Generator Owner.

- R4. Each Transmission Operator shall specify a voltage or Reactive Power schedule ¹ at the interconnection between the generator facility and the Transmission Owner's facilities to be maintained by each ~~non-exempt~~ generator. The Transmission Operator shall provide the voltage or Reactive Power schedule to the associated Generator Operator and direct the Generator Operator to comply with the schedule in automatic voltage control mode (AVR in service and controlling voltage).

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~~R5.~~ If a Transmission Operator identifies a Generator Operator that is not following its assigned voltage or Reactive Power schedule, the Transmission Operator shall notify the Generator Operator that the schedule is not being met and shall obtain reasons for deviation from the schedule.

~~R6.R5.~~ Each Purchasing-Selling Entity shall arrange for (self-provide or purchase) reactive resources to satisfy its reactive requirements identified by its Transmission Service Provider.

¹ The voltage schedule is a target voltage to be maintained within a tolerance band during a specified period.

R7.R6. The Transmission Operator shall know the status of all transmission Reactive Power resources, including the status of voltage regulators and power system stabilizers.

R7.1.R6.1. When notified of the loss of an automatic voltage regulator control, the Transmission Operator shall direct the Generator Operator to maintain or change either its voltage schedule or its Reactive Power schedule.

R8.R7. The Transmission Operator shall be able to operate or direct the operation of devices necessary to regulate transmission voltage and reactive flow.

R9.R8. Each Transmission Operator shall operate or direct the operation of capacitive and inductive reactive resources within its area – including reactive generation scheduling; transmission line and reactive resource switching; and, if necessary, load shedding – to maintain system and Interconnection voltages within established limits.

R10.R9. Each Transmission Operator shall maintain reactive resources to support its voltage under first Contingency conditions.

R10.1.R9.1. Each Transmission Operator shall disperse and locate the reactive resources so that the resources can be applied effectively and quickly when Contingencies occur.

R11.R10. Each Transmission Operator shall correct IROL or SOL violations resulting from reactive resource deficiencies (IROL violations must be corrected within 30 minutes) and complete the required IROL or SOL violation reporting.

R12.R11. After consultation with the Generator Owner regarding necessary step-up transformer tap changes, the Transmission Operator shall provide documentation to the Generator Owner specifying the required tap changes, a timeframe for making the changes, and technical justification for these changes.

R13.R12. The Transmission Operator shall direct corrective action, including load reduction, necessary to prevent voltage collapse when reactive resources are insufficient.

C. Measures

M1. The Transmission Operator shall have evidence it provided a voltage or Reactive Power schedule as specified in Requirement ~~5-4~~ to each Generator Operator it requires to follow such a schedule, ~~and followed up with the Generator Operator following any deviation from schedule as specified in Requirement 5.1.~~

M2. The Transmission Operator shall have evidence to show that, for each generating unit in its area that is exempt from following a voltage or Reactive Power schedule, the associated Generator Owner was notified of this exemption in accordance with Requirement 3.2.

M3. The Transmission Operator shall have evidence to show that it issued directives as specified in Requirement ~~76.1~~ when notified by a Generator Operator of the loss of an automatic voltage regulator control.

M4. The Transmission Operator shall have evidence that it provided documentation to the Generator Owner when a change was needed to a generating unit's step-up transformer tap ~~change~~ in accordance with ~~VAR-001~~ Requirement ~~112~~.

D. Compliance

1. Compliance Monitoring Process

1.1. Compliance Monitoring Responsibility

Regional Reliability Organization.

1.2. Compliance Monitoring Period and Reset Time Frame

One calendar year.

1.3. Data Retention

The Transmission Operator shall retain ~~current and previous version documentation~~ evidence for Measures 1 through 4 for 12 months.

The Compliance Monitor shall retain any audit data for three years.

1.4. Additional Compliance Information

The Transmission Operator shall demonstrate compliance through self-certification or audit (periodic, as part of targeted monitoring or initiated by complaint or event), as determined by the Compliance Monitor.

2. Levels of Non-Compliance

2.1. Level 1: No evidence that exempt Generator Owners were notified of their exemption as specified under ~~R4~~R3.2

2.2. Level 2: There shall be a level two non-compliance if either of the following conditions exists:

2.2.1 No evidence to show that directives were issued in accordance with ~~R7~~R6.1.

2.2.2 No evidence that documentation was provided to Generator Owner when a change was needed to a generating unit’s step-up transformer tap in accordance with R1 ~~1~~2.

2.3. Level 3: There shall be a level three non-compliance if either of the following conditions exists:

~~2.3.1~~ 2.3.1 Voltage or Reactive Power ~~schedules were provided for some but not all generating units as required in R4.~~

~~2.3.1~~ schedules do not exist for all generating units required to follow the schedules.

~~2.3.2~~ No evidence that contact was made to follow up with the Generator Operator when voltage or Reactive Power schedules were not met.

2.4. Level 4: No evidence voltage or Reactive Power schedules were provided to Generator ~~Owners~~Operators as required in R4.

D. Regional Differences

None identified.

Version History

Version	Date	Action	Change Tracking
0	April 1, 2005	Effective Date	New